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1. TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT REPORTED ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN INVESTIGATION OF DISAPPEARANCE OF ANDREAS KASSAPIS.

2. SINCE AUGUST 1974 EMBASSY HAS REPEATEDLY QUERIED TURKISH EMBASSY AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS OFFICIALS ON WHEREABOUTS OF ANDREAS KASSAPIS. AUTHORITIES HAVE CONSISTENTLY STATED THAT KASSAPIS IS NOT PRISONER IN TURKISH-CONTROLLED AREA OF CYPRUS.

3. AMBASSADOR HAS DISCUSSED KASSAPIS CASE WITH "PRESIDENT OF TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS (TFSC)" DENKTASH ON FOUR OCCASIONS. IN LATEST MEETINGS ON JUNE 13 AND AUGUST 11, DENKTASH STATED THAT OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS AND HIS OWN PERSONAL INQUIRIES HAD FAILED TO UNCOVER INFORMATION ON FATE OF ANDREAS KASSAPIS. DENKTASH NOTED THAT SEVERAL DEATHS OCCURRED NEAR KASSAPIS' VILLAGE AROUND TIME OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE. WHILE DENKTASH COULD NOT CONFIRM THAT KASSAPIS WAS AMONG VICTIMS, HE CONCLUDED THAT BOY MUST BE PRESUMED DEAD.

4. EMBASSY WILL AGAIN REMIND TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES

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OF CONTINUING AMERICAN INTEREST IN FATE OF ANDREAS KASSAPIS,

AND AMBASSADOR WILL RAISE THIS QUESTION ONCE MORE AT HIS
NEXT MEETING WITH DENKTASH IN MID-JANUARY.
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